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Editorial Notes.

We present for our readers in this issue on page 18 a financial statement for the year ending February 1928. It has never been our intention to launch out on a financial enterprise, but merely to provide a regimental publication to serve as a link between Old Comrades and present serving members, and to endeavour to make such a publication pay its own way.

This, we consider, has been achieved when referring to our balance on the right side of the ledger of \$145.33 and speaks well for the united efforts of all who have assisted in making the publication a success.

It is estimated that in all, we have some 800 readers as many of our serving members send their copies on to friends when they have finished reading it and also considering the various messes and institutions such as the branches of the Canadian Legion and other organizations for ex-soldiers who are subscribers. Subscribers among the serving members now number 200; Old Comrades and miscellaneous 350, so that it is a conservative estimate in placing our present readers at a total of 800.

Several questions arise. Are we doing what we set out to do? Have we forged the LINK we intended to? Are we giving all our readers what THEY desire? Are we catering too much to SERVING members and not enough to Ex-members? These are the questions we would like our readers to answer. **Remember Constructive Criticism Never Hurts.**

Write to us—put forward your views—and let us have a helping hand from you and then we can feel that the continued success of our publication is secure.

The staff of "THE GOAT" take the present opportunity to offer their sincere thanks to the following Old Comrades for the splendid manner in which they have assisted us in the past year by contributing articles of great interest to our readers and which we always look forward to reading:

Col. W. Blue, Ottawa.
Major R. V. Nordheimer, M.C., Chicago.
Mr. F. W. Powell, Montreal.

Incognito, (The West.)

We also wish to thank those serving members who have so ably assisted at all times.

Our readers, no doubt, have been greatly interested in Mr. Powell's article "Soldiering" and Major Nordheimer's reply thereto in our last issue. The editor would like to draw to the attention of our readers the fact that Mr. Powell wrote of things as they appeared to him at the time, and with regard to remarks anent the officers—that probably a great deal of the fault was on his side, one's point of view at that time being greatly influenced by the surroundings, together with other factors. Such is human nature! Time for mature thought will dispel the fancied ills and existing errors of judgement.

The editor has met Mr. Powell has talked with him and can assure our readers that his whole heart is in the Regiment and for the Regiment. Let any outsider say anything detrimental of the Regiment—then watch Mr. Powell.

Let's get together and bury the nasty things of the dead past and work together for the sake of the "Old Regiment's past, present and glorious future."

Personal & Regimental

(Toronto)

S.S.M. Tamlyn was transferred to St. Johns, P.Q., on the 1st March 1928 where he will assume the duties of a S.S.M. of "A" Sqd. This transfer was made for the purpose of promotion and S.S.M. Tamlyn severs a long term of service with 'B' Squadron and the very best wishes of all ranks follow him to St. Johns.

Capt. S. C. Bate returned from his Provisional School in Ottawa on February 26th and on the following day was rushed to Christie Street Hospital where he underwent a serious operation. The operation has been declared a success and we are thankful to say that he is making very satisfactory progress.

Major Baty, S.M.I. F. C. Cox R.C.D. have returned from their Provisional Schools of Instruction at Hamilton, St. Catharines and Welland and Capt. J. Wood and

S/Instr. King have returned from their School at London Ont. Prior to Sergt. King's departure from London a farewell banquet and smoker was tendered to him by the Sergeants of the 1st Hussars.

Capt. Henry Bate, of Ottawa, spent the week-end of March 3rd at Barracks whilst he was in Toronto to visit his cousin Capt. S. C. Bate in hospital.

Mrs. D. B. Bowie is at present visiting Lt. Col. and Mrs. W. H. Muirhead in Montreal.

Flying Officers Dave Harding and Van Vliet of the R.C.A.F. who were in Toronto with the Hockey Team from Camp Borden were guests of the Officer's Mess over the week-end of March 3rd.

Lt. Col. Robinson, O.B.E. R.C.A.S.C., of London, Ont., was in Toronto for several days this month and stayed at the Officers Mess.

Lt. Col. D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., and Capt. M. Drury spent two days at Camp Borden last month on duty.

We are pleased to report that S.M.I. Aisthorpe has been discharged from Christie Street Hospital fully recovered after his recent operation for appendicitis.

Lieut. C. C. Mann has been discharged from Hospital completely recovered from the present popular malady "Mumps."

Dan Cupid has been working overtime and as a result the following announcements are made,—

Alice Franklyn became the wife of Tpr. "Dan" Merrick on 30th December 1927, at St. Johns Garrison Church.

Janet Leishman became the wife of Tpr. W. Godsmark on 8th February 1928.

Mrs. M. H. A. Drury with her brown gelding "Prince Charm-ing" won the first prize from over a dozen entries in the Saddle Class

held in connection with the parade of the Winter Sports Carnival in Sherbrooke, Que. last month.

St. Johns

Congratulations to A/Sgt. W. Jewkes on his promotion to the rank of full corporal, also L/Cpl. Cullinan to the rank of A/Corporal.

We were pleased to welcome ex-Tprs. Kelly and Shorrocks on the occasion of the Old Comrades Reunion, also our old friend the writer of "Soldiering," Freddy Powell

On the 15th March S.S. M. Smith was presented by Maj. Timmis, D.S.O. with the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. All ranks offer him their congratulations and trust that he will serve with them long enough to see the last joined presented with this same 'rootie gong.'

We wish to convey our best wishes to Pte. and Mrs. Lecker who were married this month at Cleveland. Pte. Lecker is on the staff of the R.C.A.M.C. St. Johns.

Capt. D. A. Grant has returned to St. Johns from R.M.C. Kingston.

Sgt. Sheehy wishes to thank all those concerned for their assistance in the recovery of his silver-plated hoofpick. Tpr. Legere also thanks his lucky star.

Old Comrades Notes.

Minutes of a meeting of R.C.D. Old Comrades Association, held on Saturday evening, 25th February 1928, at the University Avenue Armouries, Toronto.

The meeting opened at 8.30 p.m. Lt. Col. D. B. Bowie, D.S.O. (President) Chairman.

Minutes—Moved by Mr. C. Morrison seconded by Mr. W. H. Heawood that the minutes of the previous meeting as read be passed. Carried.



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Financial Statement—The Financial Statement for year 1927, showing a credit balance of \$163.47 was read by Secretary and on motion of Major E. A. Hethrington, seconded by Q.M.S.I. Karcher was passed as read. Carried.

Executive Committee—The Nominating Committee then presented the slate for Executive Committee and Mr. H. C. Baldwin and

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Notice.

THE ANNUAL RE-UNION AND SMOKER OF THE OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT STANLEY BARRACKS, TORONTO, AT 8.00 P.M. SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 31st, 1928. IN ORDER TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THIS ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERS ATTENDING WILL BE ASSESSED THE SUM OF ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR, WHICH WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE DOOR.

ALL OLD COMRADES AND SERVING MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THIS RE-UNION AND HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

R. Davidson having been appointed Scrutineers by the Chairman voting for the Committee was commenced.

The following were elected to the Executive Committee for year 1928.

President—Lt. Col. D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., (No election)

Vice-President—Mr. F. W. Dunbar,

Secretary-Treas.—S. M. F. Ackerman,

Committee—Major E. A. Hethrington, R.Q.M.S. J. MacLean, M.M. (re-elected)—Capt. F. H. Wilkes, S. S.M. J. Copeland, D.C.M.

Auditors—Q.S.M.I. H. E. Karcher, M.M., Mr. G. L. McGregor.

Vote of thanks—Moved by Mr. J. W. Harmon seconded by Mr. E. W. Hare, that the Association extend a vote of thanks to the commanding Officer, Officers and Other ranks of the R.C.D. for the reception given the Association at the Annual Picnic on July 23rd 1927. Carried.

Smoker and Re-Union—Moved by Major J. Widgery seconded by Major E. A. Steer, M.C., that the Annual Re-union and Smoker be held on the 31st March 1928. Carried.

General Otter—Moved by Maj. J. Widgery seconded by Mr. H. C. Baldwin that a letter of sympathy be sent to General W. Otter, together with flowers. Carried.

(General Otter is in Toronto General Hospital with a broken ankle.)

Outgoing Members of Committee—Moved by N. Medhurst seconded by Major E. L. Caldwell that a vote of thanks be extended to the outgoing members of the Committee. Carried.

Traditions of Regiment—The question of the issue of a "Small Book" on the traditions of the Regiment having been raised, on motion by Major W. Baty second-

ed by Major E. A. Steer, M.C., the matter was left to the serving and ex-officers of the Regiment. Carried.

Committee for Smoker—Moved by J. W. Harrison seconded by Mr. H. W. Heawood, that a com-

mittee of three be added to the Executive Committee for the smoker,—

The following were appointed:—

Capt. J. Wood.

Mr. C. Morrison.

R.S.M. G. D. Churchward, M.M.

Adjournment—Moved by J. Widgery seconded by Major E. A. Steer, M.C., that the meeting adjourn, there being no further business. Carried.

Maj.-General Williams made a brief address to the members reminiscent of olden days and his old comrades in the Regiment. He stated his pleasure on his recent appointment as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment and his thanks to the Association for his promo-



Mr. Frank W. Dunbar Vice-President of the Royal Canadian Dragoons Old Comrades Association.

Mr. Dunbar enlisted in the Depot Squadron at Stanley Barracks Toronto, in January 1915 and proceeded overseas with a draft in June 1915. On joining the regiment he was posted to "C" Squadron where he rose to rank of Sergeant. He was seriously wounded at Rifle Wood on April 1st 1918, which resulted in the amputation of his right arm at the shoulder.

Mr. Dunbar is now employed in the Maintenance Department Board of Education of City of Toronto. He may be described as one of the Fathers of our Old Comrades Association, as it is largely due to his efforts that the present Association was organized and has been kept in a flourishing condition.

He also is a member of the Amputation Club in which he holds office.

tion from an Honorary Vice-President to an Honorary President stating that he would do all in his power to further the well being of the Association.

Arrangements are under way to hold the Annual Dinner for Officers and Ex-Officers of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, at Stanley Barracks, on Friday evening, March 30th 1928.

Bill Clements, late of "B" Squadron, is busy cutting hair and plays a leading part in the United Cigar Store Barber shop on Dundas Street in London, Ont. Bill sends his very best wishes to all the Old and present serving members.

AN OLD-TIMER

On the 14th February last the following letter was received at the Orderly Room, Stanley Barracks,—

18 The Link
York Road Acocks Green,
Birmingham, England.

Sir,

Having lost my discharge it is said that I deserted and I have no proof that I served in the Royal School of Mounted Infantry, Canadian Mounted Rifle Corps, and "B" Squadron R.C.D., from which I was discharged as Acting Provost Sergeant. As records would show as near as I could tell it would be about 1898. I was in the married quarters at the time. A reply to this would be esteemed a great favour.

Apologizing for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours Obediently,
(Sd.) John Kirkbright.

It speaks well for the efficiency of our records to report that within half an hour a reply was sent to Mr. Kirkbright enclosing a certificate of service, which showed that he was enlisted in "B" Sqn. R.C.D. at Winnipeg, Man., on 13th May 1893 and was discharged by purchase 19th July 1895, his character being "Good."

Battleford, Sask.
March 1st, 1928.

To:—Adjutant.

Royal Canadian Dragoons,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,

As an ex-member of the R.C.D. I have often wondered if there is

any paper or publication published by the regiment. If there is by any chance I would like to become a subscriber as I still take more than a passing interest in the old Mob. The Stratheona's have a quarterly paper which I often see and find very interesting. I have also visited the Stratheonas, both in Winnipeg and Calgary and met many old friends there including some ex-Dragoons notably Sgt. Henry who is R.S.M. at Calgary and Sam Sharp, who used to be Sgt. in "B" Sqn. R.C.D.'s. I would also appreciate it if you can tell me of any books about the Canadian Cavalry Brigade in the last war, and where they can be purchased.

With best wishes to the Officers, N.C.Os. and men of the old Regiment and hoping to hear from you.

I am yours sincerely,
(Sd.) Colin C. Greener,
Formerly Sgt. "C" R.C.D.

OLD COMRADES' RE-UNION ST. JOHNS.

A very delightful evening was spent on March 3rd, the occasion being a re-union of the Old Comrades. Unfortunately many familiar faces that we had expected to see were absent, due to a great extent, to the season of the year which makes traveling so difficult. Those who did manage to "make the grade" however, were accorded a hearty welcome and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The concert was a great success but we hope when the next one is given,—which will be on the 24th of May, we shall have the pleasure of having more old-timers with us.

The concert party included some talented artists from Montreal and St. Johns, as well as officers and n.c.o's of the N.P.A.M. who are attending the R.C.S. of C. By 8 p.m. the gymnasium was taxed to the utmost. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Louis Boisvert, rendered that beautiful overture, "If I were King." Considering the size of the orchestra, they did wonderfully well and Mr. Boisvert and his players are to be congratulated on their work. Allen Murray—late of the famous Dumbells—fairly convulsed the audience with the songs of Geo. Robey and our sympathy went out to Major Williams at the reflections cast

on his unit by Mr. W. Cunningham in his war-time choruses. Cpl. Nugent of the 17th D.Y.R./C.H. was very good as were also our old St. Johns' friends. Messrs Fletcher and Ford who gave an imitation of the "Two Black Crows." The violin solo by M. Deleuze was also much appreciated and we hope we shall have the pleasure of hearing him again on the 24th of May.

Allen Murray came on again as an old cockney woman who had a grievance against, but who at the same time was intensely loyal to, her "old man." Tpr. Henderson sang the songs of Harry Lauder, together with the patter that goes with them and showed beyond a doubt that he is a real Scotch comedian and we hope to see him again at the next concert.

Jock Gordon put his stuff across splendidly and although we hear him quite frequently in the canteen of a night we were all pleased to see him make the hit he did.

Ex-Pipe Major Riddle demonstrated that it is possible to get civilized tunes out of the bag-pipes when he rendered "East side, west side" but when he started skirling highland tunes there was danger of

a riot among the audience.

Lieut. Evans, 8th Hussars and Lieut. Lyons, N.B.D. were very popular with their mouth organs (which they carried in suit cases,) and Tex D'art, a novelty act, was very clever, the clownish antics failing to conceal the skill with which the sketches were executed. The concert part of the evening's programme was brought to a close with a sketch by Mr. W. Cunningham, entitled "The Papers." The scene is laid in a orderly room in France during the war. In this sketch our C.O. had an unusual role, that of a trooper, at the same time representing a whole draft. Mr. Cunningham as General "Debility" and Q.M.S. Ellis as the O.R.C. played their parts excellently. The piece itself was full of rollicking fun even if its chief merit was satire. We could not help noticing the behavior and dress of the "army" nor help thinking how lucky he was that the S.S.M. was on the opposite side of the footlights. To start with he was dressed in slacks and puttees and was badly in need of a hair cut and the way he treated his rifle would most assuredly

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have had more dire results than the ordinary caution "care of arms." Then again we could not believe our ears when we heard him ride off at a GALLOP and were greatly relieved when he returned a moment later carrying the saddle and asking how to put the damned thing on the horse. His excuse for not shaving was a gem and we will treasure it for a future occasion.

The programme from start to finish held the interest of the audience and the organisers and artists are deserving of nothing but the highest praise for their efforts. A word here in commendation of the work done by Tpr. Rowe, will, we are sure, have the approval of all who know how much time and effort he put in as assistant stage manager.

The smoker which followed was everything that one could wish. Sgt. D. Gardner had everything ready to satisfy the inner man and

we offer him congratulations. The programme which continued far into the night was well arranged, Q.M.S. Ellis acting as chairman. Many numerous songs and stories were sung and told, among them being the old favorites "Ginger Bill" by S. M. Hopkinson and "The Old Dun Cow" by Sgt. Langley. We are not sure whether it was consternation or chagrin that showed on the OC's face as "There was Brown, upside down" was being sung. Of course it MIGHT have been pleasure at that!

Everyone went away feeling that it was not a bad old world after all.

We hear a good deal these days about criticism, especially of the "constructive" variety, and the writer would like to add his. Whenever we have a concert why do the organisers always select a sketch of a military nature? Is it because they fear we do not appre-

ciate anything else? The truth is, the very opposite is the case. We appreciate what the committee are doing for us but many would, like to see them branch out on lines other than shop. And besides if we want something to laugh at along military lines, we don't have to go to a concert to see it.

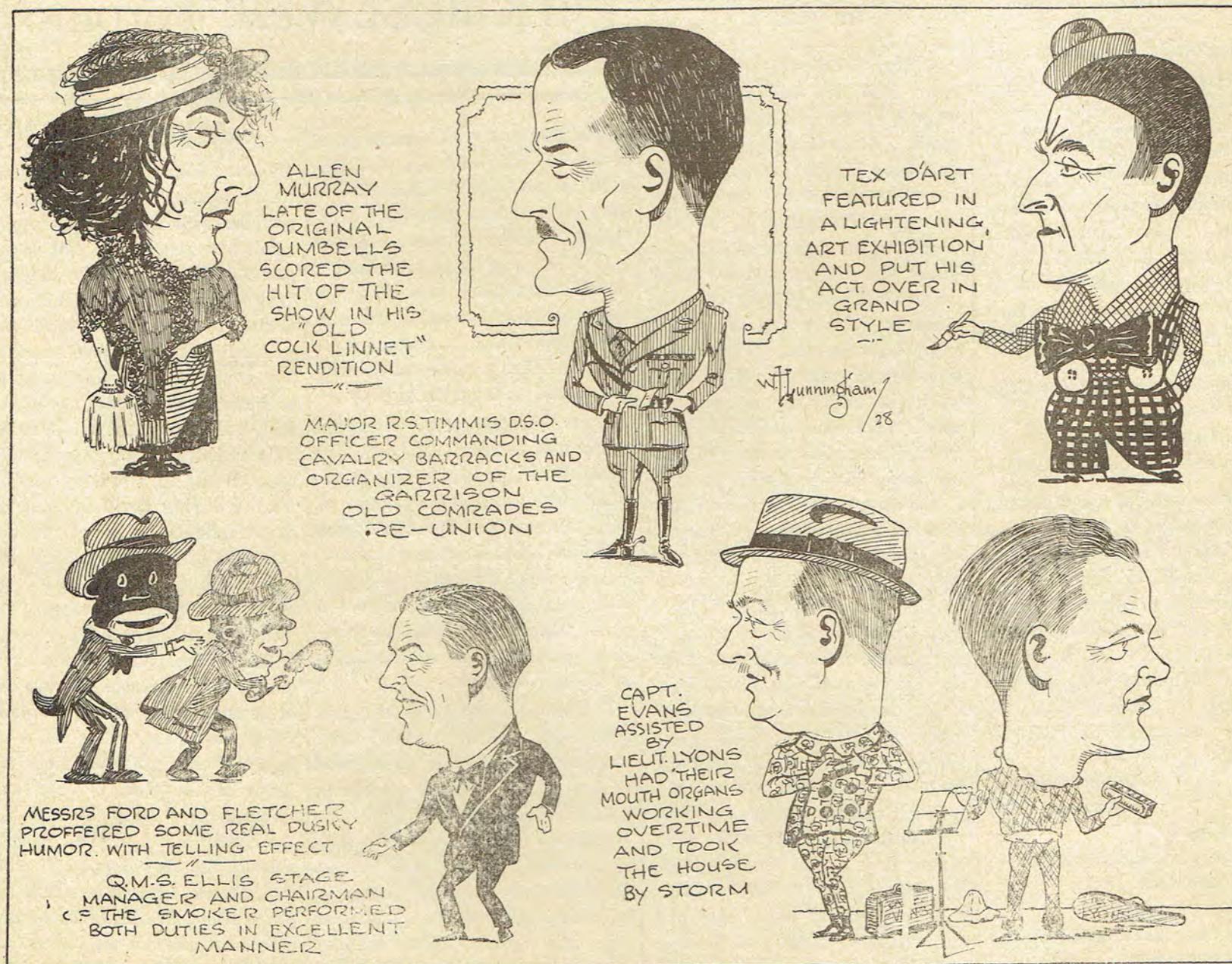
Bytown Bits.

SCHOOL CLOSES:—After an intensive six weeks course the Provisional School of Cavalry at Ottawa came to a close on the 24th February. The examinations in connection with the theoretical portion were conducted by Capt. S. C. Bate, R.C.D., assisted Capt. G. H. Trudeau from M.D. No. 3.

GARRISON BALL:—The annual ball of the Officers of His Majesty's Forces in Ottawa was held at the Chateau Laurier on February 20th. Over 400 were

present including Their Excellencies the Governor General and Lady Willingdon, Col. the Hon. J. L. and Mrs. Ralston, Col. the Hon. R. B. Bennett and Miss Bennett. The guests were received by Mrs. Walter Hose, Mrs. H. A. Panet, Mrs. Austin Gillies, Mrs. W. A. Blue, Miss Worsley and Mrs. A. W. Beament. The ball room and lounge was tastefully decorated with flags, lances, regimental crests and miniature planes, the whole work being carried out under direction of Flight Lieut. Guthrie, R.C.A.F.

Paardeburg Celebrated:—The anniversary of the battle of Paardeburg was fittingly celebrated by the Ottawa South African Veterans Association. On Saturday February 25th, they had a dinner party at Aylmer and on Sunday evening attended service at All Saints Church where the sermon was preached by Major the Rev. G. C. Hepburn, M.C. the rector.



On the morning of the 27th they paraded to the City Hall where the South African monument and the Hart River gun were draped with flags. Wreaths were placed on the monument and the Last Post was sounded by Bugle Major Day.

Annual Dinner:—The annual dinner of the Officers of the P.L.D.G., will be held on the evening of the 27th instant at a local club.

A.S.C. Annual Meeting:—The annual meeting of the Canadian Army Service Corp Association was held in Ottawa on the 27th and 28th February. Delegates were present from all districts and considerable helpful discussion took place. Winnipeg will be the place of meeting for 1929. The President of the Association is Colonel N. J. Lindsay, of Winnipeg, and the Secretary, Lieut. Col. W. C. Gillis. At a dinner held in the Chaudiere Club a pleasing event took place when Colonel George Patterson Murphy, President since 1913, was presented with

a solid silver tray, suitably engraved.

Here's A Good One:—The well known and popular R. S. White member for Mount Royal in the Dominion House is pulling this one. "What" he asks, "is the difference between the Prodigal Son and the American Army." His audience failing to know he says "the Prodigal Son came home and they killed the fatted calf. The American Army came home and they shot the bull."

A Suggestion:—A. A. Heaps the Labor member for North Winnipeg, has upholstered a chair used by Premier King, that was used by Sir Wilfrid Laurier during his tenure of office. Perhaps Agnes McPhail might be induced to take charge of the mending of socks used by Col. Ralston.

Summer Training:—While the estimates have not as yet gone through, yet the amount asked for by the Minister augers well for the Active Militia this year. It is stated by the Chief of Staff at

a recent banquet, that the 12 day training period would apply for the first time since the war. It is also understood that brigade training will be featured where possible. In this connection rumour has it that the 2nd Mounted Brigade consisting of the P.L.D.G., 3rd P.W.C.D. and 4th Hussars will train at either Kingston or Petawawa. The Brigade is at present under command of Col. L. P. Sherwood. If this is the case the Brook trophy presented to the 2nd Mounted Brigade for annual competition by the late Earl of Warwick will be competed for. The cup was the outcome of the training season of 1913 when the late Earl, as Lord Brook, commanded the brigade at Petawawa and had as his Brigade Major Howard Vyse D.S.O., R.H.G. Major Vyse will be remembered by all members of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade in the late war. The cup was for the best trained regiment in the Brigade, and in 1913 and 1914 was won by the old 5th P.L.D.G. Since the war there has been no Brigade train-

ing and the cup has remained at the P.L.D.G. mess since 1914.

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Letters to the Editor.

What's Wrong with Quebec Old Comrades?

Dear Mr. Editor:—

About two weeks ago I received from S. M. Ellis a circular letter inviting me to a concert and "get-together" of the old Comrades in this district. A reply was requested. This because of arrangements for accommodation. The concert was to be held on Saturday the 3rd of March. It would be necessary for those attending to spend the night at St. Johns.

Gladly did I signify my willingness to attend. Accordingly I landed at St. Johns on the afternoon of the 3rd proceeded to the Sergeants' Mess and discovered that things would not be as expected. I was told by S. M. Ellis that from the 35 invitations sent men in Montreal only three had replied. Of these three I was the sole representative of the war-time "Old Comrades."

This is most discouraging. S. M. Ellis is to be highly commended for his endeavour to bring together the old comrades. Beds were provided for the out of town guests and refreshments supplied to all. Furthermore, an interesting programme was provided for the formal part of the evening. All this entails much work and forethought, and the indifference shown by the Montreal ex-members of the regiment is neither kind nor courteous.

As the regimental concert it was a huge success. As a re-union of old comrades it was a complete wash-out.

What's the trouble? What's wrong? Have the men no desire to renew wartime associations?

Incidentally does not this complete indifference, reply more forcibly to Major Nordheimer than anything I could say about esprit-de-corps?

Personally, I'm frightfully sorry to note this indifference. Surely to goodness we can do better than this. For an Old Comrades Association to function it is obvious that the presence of Old Comrades is necessary. Do show some interest in the matter. Must the project be abandoned because of your indifference? Surely old associations mean more than that.

In closing, would suggest that at future possible gatherings, rank, for that night at least, be forgotten. In a way it is as well I was the only old timer present. I understood. Strangers might have gathered the wrong impression. For some obscure reason it was found convenient to segregate the officers. True, they smoked pipes, drank beer, and laughed at the jokes perpetrated by performers but outside this they made not the slightest attempt to mix or "get-together". Of two who personally knew me during the war, one nodded a good evening and the other acknowledged my presence by elevating somewhat his eye-

brows. This bucked me up amazingly.

With the N.Q.O's. it was totally different and I would like to take this opportunity of heartily thanking every one of them for the cordiality with which they have always received my many visits to St. Johns.

Truly yours,
FRED. W. POWELL.

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624 St. Catherine St. West
Montreal.
March 1st, 1928.

Dear Mr. Editor,

When casting my line, baited with "esprit de corps" upon the still waters of public opinion, I did so with no great expectation of success. The result, however, proved most gratifying. To catch three at once was quite unusual. The hooking of such a giant as Major Roy Nordheimer afforded me the greatest satisfaction. While of minor proportions, the remaining two are welcomed.

Presuming "F.C." to be Sergeant Cox, I beg leave to agree with him wholeheartedly. "Bumcombe" it is. Pure and unadulterated. I must really congratulate F.C. on his powers of perception. He has found that which for so many months has remained hidden from the gaze of the general reader. Undoubtedly you're good, Freddie. Quite.

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Drag." I can make no reply for it is so frightfully unsatisfactory to measure lances with a stranger. Besides I never seriously consider criticism that comes from being a non-deplume.

That Major Nordheimer should fill almost two pages on my bait, strengthens rather than weakens the impression that, after all, there is much truth in what I declared. He quotes me in spots. Seizing upon two or three widely scattered sentences he uses them as a base for his argument instead of treating the article as a complete whole. My accusation of snobbishness in the regiment irritates him immensely. Although never privileged to serve actually under him, he always gave me the impression of being a man somewhat difficult to approach. Glad to know my impression was incorrect.

In justice to myself, I must, state most emphatically, that when speaking on general subjects in the Goat I never had any particular individual in mind. So many times has this statement been made that the readers should make some endeavour to recollect this when sitting in judgment upon me. I am not, never have been, an enemy of the regiment. This also have I repeated time and time again yet there are still some who persist in thinking otherwise.

In saying that I allowed personal resentment to influence my views, Major Nordheimer is entirely misin-

formed. He never knew me. I was never in his squadron. Possibly he may have known me by sight but even this possibility is remote. To speak as he does is sheer presumption. The men best qualified to express any opinion on this subject are the men under whom I served. I admit to being an inveterate kicker but was I singular in this respect? Think that most of us were kickers. Did this make us any the worse soldiers? Maj. Nordheimer admits we were a dependable lot of men. Therefore one is safe in saying that kicking is no grievous fault.

To hear Major Nordheimer devoutly thanking God because none of the men rebelled openly under such injustice as ill advised promotion, is to laugh. For here does he defeat his own ends. The fact that the men did not openly rebel proves something wrong with a system that compelled them to keep silent on such matters. Discontent and resentment were felt. Why then were they not voiced? (This is best answered by those who so often put the telescope to the blind eye.

"One for all...all for one." Splendid ideal. Athos, Porthos and Aramis, were social equals and the other chap, D'Artagnan, practically so. This simplifies matters so much, doesn't it? I do not recollect reading whether or not the rest of the Musketeers came in for any of this sort of esprit-de-corps. As far as I remember it applied only to the four men mentioned above. Major Nordheimer, if placing this interpretation on esprit-de-corps, can not but differ from myself who thinks these four characters rather selfish.

In all, Major Nordheimer has never lost sight of the rank he held in the Army. His remarks betray a lamentable ignorance of the point of view held by the man in the ranks, and for this reason alone, having nothing in common, he and myself can never hope to come to any sort of agreement.

The Major questions the propriety of 'Metamorphosis' and most kindly

explains the meaning of the word. Strange as it seems I already knew it meant transformation. That's why I employed it. If he can conscientiously declare that the ranker was not transformed when attaining commissioned rank, he is more of a diplomat than one would imagine.

In closing, permit me to quote myself. "I think highly of the R.C.D's. but one must not blind one's self to the faults of a friend, no matter how great the love. Criticism is not necessarily spiteful."

None are more loyal to the Royal Canadian Dragoons than the writer. Bear this in mind when passing judgment. Blind loyalty, however, is stupid and unworthy.

Truly yours,
FRED. W. POWELL.

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Ottawa, March 15th, 1928

Dear Editor:

Again I am tardy with my subscription, but here it is (one dollar enclosure.) I suppose the old adage may apply, "Better late than never."

Tardiness was my chief characteristic or perhaps failing, as I recall, during my sojourn abroad and in particular, was, coming on parade; Sergeant Jones once promised me five francs if he should ever find me first on parade. Well, by accident I did make it, and since then I have referred to him as B. S. Jones.

I got the "stick" shortly after but of course that might have been by way of encouragement.

Hope I am not too late for this month's issue, as I would regret even a little lapse in the link with the past.

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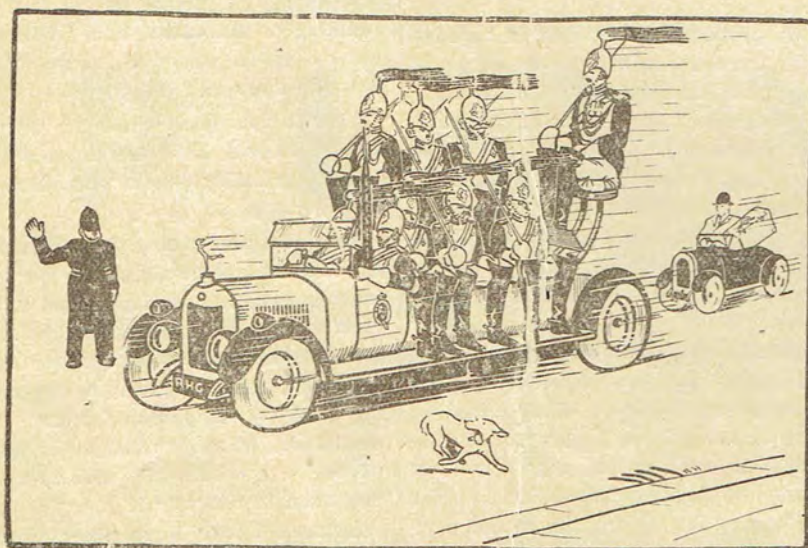
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The Mechanization of the King's Life Guard.
(From the Household Brigade Magazine)

"Iggerant."

By Tpr. L. G. Bradley, The Life Guards.

Courtesy of The Household Brigade Magazine.

"Of course," said the Night Watchman, laying aside his "Evening," the Army of to-day ain't what it useter be. It never is. For one thing, they seem to need a whole lot more edification in the Noo Army. Before the war, they didn't useter worry overmuch whether you had a 'second' or not. In fact, they saved a tanner a day if you hadn't.

"When I was in the old mob I had a pal—a regular iad he was, too, with the wimmen. Show him the flutter of a skirt, an' he was off like one o' these 'ere greyhounds. In those days, o' course, they had skirts to flutter. Smart bloke he was, too in the kit. We thought a whole lot o' our kit in the old 'Twenty-Third. We wouldn't la' changed our little Hussar jackets, with the miles of gold braid and the paddin' to save yer sticking yer chest out, for any in the Army. Bob could wear it, too. But he was iggerant—real iggerant.

"He comes to me one day an' says, 'Bill, would you like to earn a dollar?' 'Well, ask yerself,' says I. 'Well,' says he, 'I've got to meet a posh bit o' stuff up in Town to-morrow, and I wants you to help me out, see?' I didn't see but I thought of the 'alf dollar and says 'Yes.' 'Righto,' he answers, 'we move off by the six o'clock train. Meet me at the station an' I'll tell you all about the scheme as we goes up in the train.'

"That's all right," says I, 'but who's going to pay for the tickets?' 'You leave that to me,' says Bob, airy-like. Anyway, I meets him at the station as per programme. I said he was a smart bloke, didn't I? Lor, you oughter've seen him then. Turn-out-ful marks. Pace an' action, ditto. He was touched up like a dawg's dinner. He had a little bag with him, that he said I was to take when we got to Waterloo. 'You foller me with the bag,' he says, 'an' don't forget—every time I speaks to you, just salute and call me sir.' I didn't exactly tumble to what the main

idea was, but to see him togged up to kill was good enough for anything. He even'ad one o' them spare winders for his eye. By the time he'd practised a bit in the train he could make it stick in without screwing his face up too much.

"When we gets to Waterloo, we nips up the platform in single file, me in rear with the bag. At the end of the platform he meets the bird, an' my word, she was proper Rolls Royce, as the saying is. She'd got one o' them poodles under her arm a thing what it would ha' been cruelty to give to a decent sized rat.

"'Evening, Alicia,' says old Bob, and she murmured something back at 'im. He turns round and says to me, 'Williams, jest put the bag in the car outside and then you can nip off for the rest of the evening; but be here at eleven sharp, mind.'

"All I could do was to stutier 'Yessir' an' salute. I thought he'd gone clean daft—him with his cars. However, just then, up comes a young bloke in shuvver's kit, takes the bag outer me hand and puts it in to a lovely car what was outside in the road. In climbs 'is blinkin' lordship and the bird and off they goes, leavin' me 'igh an' dry—especially dry.

"I felt that faint that I had to make one dive for the 'Cock and Bull' an' get a tonic. I met an old pal—bloke I useter knew in the Fifth—in there, so we had another one or two, jes for old time's sake. Then we goes along to the 'Bricklayer's Arms' an' had a few more and what with one thing and another it didn't seem long till eleven o'clock come round.

"I was on parade all right, though when the car come up, an' stood there salutin' like a good un. I got the bag and caught 'em up on the way to the platform, just as she says 'Will you get me a platform ticket, Cyril, so as I can see you off?' Cyril, thinks I to myself, I never knew that was his second name. Anyway, he puts his hand in his pocket and wanders over to a machine an' slips a penny in. It was then I remembered 'ow iggerant he was. Could not even read nothing to speak of. By the time I'd caught 'im he was standing scratching his head with a packet of chocolate in his hand. 'You blinkin' old fool,' says I, 'you

bin an' put your money in the wrong machine.' 'Lummie,' says he, 'and that was the last penny I had in the world.' So I gives him one and shows him the right machine.

"By this time, I saw the train was just about going, so I nips down the platform and into a corner seat. Blow me if he wouldn't ha' missed it altogether if I hadn't a shouted at him. He stood there, half mazed seemingly, saying good-nights to ha' lasted an ordinary man a lifetime. He made a dart up the platform, fell over his spurs and dropped in a heap on the carriage floor. I couldn't get a proper glimpse of the bird, but I wondered 'ow she made the car fit in with the third-class smoker.

"I let him get settled down, and get his breath back. Then I says 'What about my dollar, Bob?' 'Blime me, Bill,' says he, 'I'm broke to the wide. Lend us the price of my lunch beer, an' I'll see you Friday.' Smart man, ole Bob—but iggerant."

High Heels and Jerry.

By F. W. Powell

Jerry started it. It's all her fault. She it is who has taken all joy from my bright young life. Things were going along so swimmingly that, in a burst of optimism, I threw to our friends the hint that an early marriage was not without the bounds of possibility. Now, it is all knocked on the head and I'm absolutely finished with women for life.

Women are all very well as long as one never loses sight of their limitations, and, never, never forgets that, being women, they don't know their own minds for two minutes on end.

So proud was I of this knowledge that the unreasonable conduct of Jerry has knocked me all of a heap, so to speak. My friends are terrifically concerned about my condition. They shake their heads in a most annoying fashion and suggest the placing of myself in the hands of a qualified physician. Johnny Winters went off just like that. Just faded away. Such a nice funeral. Stacks of wreaths and the rest of it.

Perhaps they are right. Perhaps I am going to die. What's that as long as Jerry is no longer mine?

She is such a charming girl, you know. Charming, but difficult. Her preference for me arose from her partiality to the manly man. You know the strong, silent kind. Stern and unmovable. Men of strong convictions and of fixed purpose. I am, if you

will pardon my egotism, all that, but, there was one thing about me she did not like. Five feet nothing is not exactly dwarfish, but Jerry wished I were taller. Mind you, not once did she reproach me for this slight on the part of nature, but from the way she always spoke, I knew her to be just a little disappointed. She had always wished for some giant of a man to come along and claim her as his mate.

Now all is over I see things in a different light. Now I know the reason for her unusual arrangement of being seated whenever we were photographed together. This, you know, is simply never done in good circles. Still, when a man's in love he submits to the most embarrassing conditions. So, I always sat while Jerry towered over me in a standing position. On one occasion she wished to place her hand on my shoulder but this I vigorously opposed. With all this talk of the franchise for women what on earth would my friends think? No, no, such a thing could not be thought of. Absolutely not, so I asserted by manhood and Jerry loved me for it.

Too bad Jerry is so difficult. Too bad she's so romantic. She loves the old-fashioned novel in which women figures as a gentle, retiring flower like creature, whose one object in life is to be defended by the big strong male from the insults of the bold, bad men who are placed in the novel for the sole purpose of being knocked down by the aforementioned big, strong, males.

She goes about simply searching for insults. Never succeeds, naturally, for who would dare when I am with her? She has resorted to the basest methods so that she may consider herself insulted. The other afternoon, for instance. We were in a tram-car. She sat. I stood. So openly was she flirting with the man beside her that, but for her leave-him-to-me sort of look, I would have strongly remonstrated with the foolish child. Naturally the man played up to her. He went one better by pressing her knee with his own. Jerry, with a look of utter scorn, jumped to her feet exclaiming at the same time, "Wilfred" (that's my name, you know,) "slay this vile creature."

Now I ask you, what can a man do but retreat hurriedly from a car-load of grinning people who think us both quite mad?

This did not please Jerry. Instead of professing some shame for her outrageous conduct, she is amazed at my indifference. At least I might have knocked him senseless at her feet. At such a time it is best to say nothing. She is disappointed in me. To do nothing at all to avenge the insult of that vile creature! Are there no real men in the world?

Because I love Jerry, the challenge meets with no response. I permit the insinuation to pass. I remember the poor girl is romantic.

She is a sweetly pretty girl. A



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girl I'd do anything for. Within reason, of course. But, alas, she's so difficult. To live up to the strong, unmoveable type of man she loves is well nigh impossible under the circumstances. Thinking herself to be the meek, retiring sort of woman one reads of but seldom meets, she is

possessed, at the same time, of a strong will of her own. This makes the situation awkward. To resist her wishes causes distress to the dear thing, but to comply simply shatters the strong silent type of man she adores.

Just what to do is a problem.

To retain the love of Jerry I have submitted to degradations of the lowest order. Simply to please the dear girl I have arrayed myself in neckties given by the generous child. This sounds little in itself but means much when you know Jerry as I do. Her tastes are unusual to say the least. They are bizarre, if nothing else. Wear a tie of her choice and be assured of creating a sensation when venturing abroad. Her ties produce startling results. Dogs bark wildly, horses bolt, drunken men rush to sign the pledge, sane men shudder, ragged children follow, women faint, policemen suspect, friends desert and one suffers all this just because Jerry thinks it betrays great self-confidence.

Ties are bad enough but to get one glimpse of the socks of her choice is to realize one is delirious. Jerry likes to be conspicuous. I do not and that's why I've lost Jerry for ever.

You will remember the confession that I am not exactly a giant. Well, this must have been playing on Jerry's mind. Acting upon her suggestion, put so nicely that no offence could be taken, I placed myself in the hands of one who guaranteed to increase one's stature by at least three inches. How I suffered! All of no avail, however. Sadly did Jerry admit the failure.

"Never mind, Wilfred," she said brightening up hopefully, "I know

what we'll do .. so very simple .. just wear very high heels .. place some of those things inside your boots that increase the height of the wearer and none will ever guess you are such a very short man."

That finished it completely. In the first place I am not such a very short man, and then, not even for Jerry will I make myself ridiculous by wearing high heels.

So now, all is over between us. I have finished with women for at least do I realize it is quite impossible to satisfy them.

Just the same, if Jerry made any effort towards a reconciliation, I would .. but what's the use .. she won't.

"The Adventures of Trooper William Wideawake."

"WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS STORY?"

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Chapter One.

Farmer Wideawake eyed his only son with distaste. He had arisen

an hour later than usual, thereby losing some of his hard earned repose, in order to see his son safely on the train for St. Johns, P.Q., where he was going to enlist as a Corporal in the Royal Canadian Dragoons, the second senior Cavalry Regiment of the Canadian Forces.

William Wideawake, the son, certainly did not present the appearance of a recruit likely to find favour in the eyes of those N.C.O.s. whose duty it was to pass on applicants for commission. About 5 ft. 1 in. tall, weighing 165 lbs with brown eyes and fair hair, his whole appearance was one of untidiness and lack of personal attention.

His ears stood out like flappers on a seal, and his pig-like black eyes were fixed on the track down which the International train from Sherbrooke to St. Johns was coming. "Good-Bye, Lad," his Father said, "take good care of yourself and let us know how you like life at St. Johns." "Good-Bye, Dad," William replied guess I can take care of myself, and I sure will write."

The call of the Passenger Agent, "ALL ABOARD," cut off further conversation, and with a cheery wave of the hand, William climbed aboard the baggage car. Once seated in the Diner, he pulled out the letter the Commanding Officer had written to his Father in

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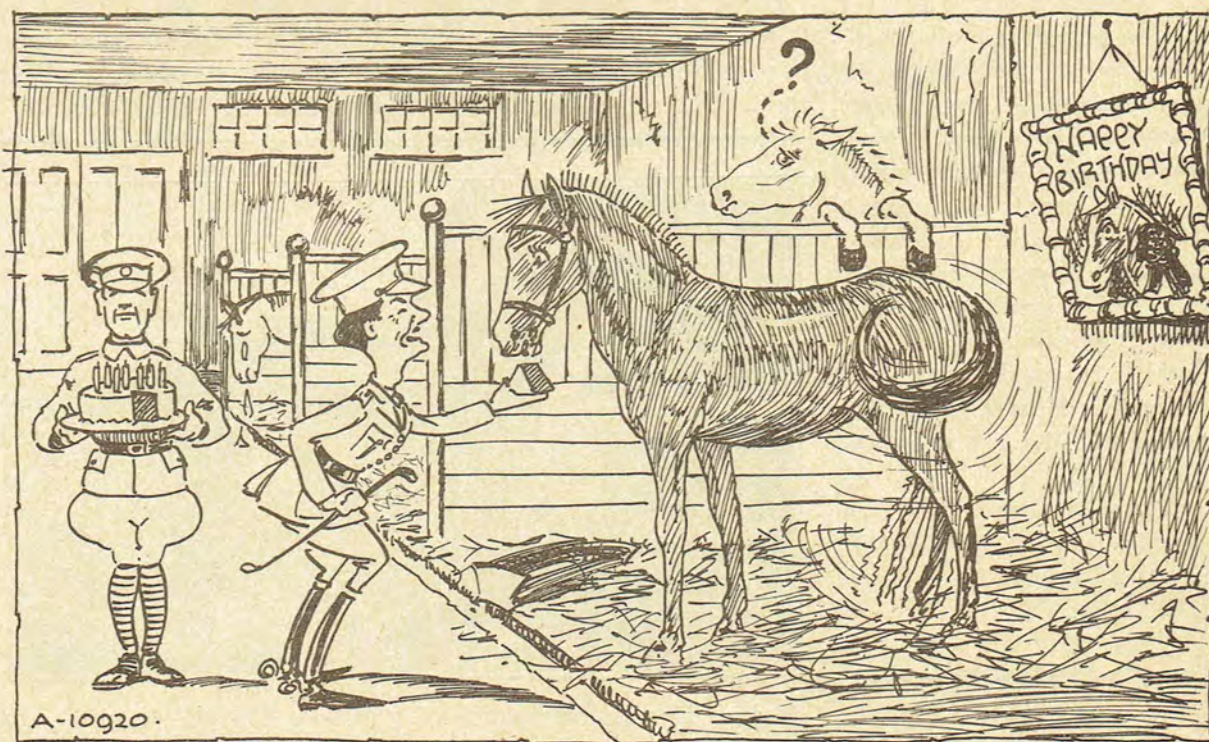
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answer to his application for enlistment, and perused its contents. "We want bright men, between the ages of 16 and 20, over 5 ft and able to ride; the fact of your son being an American Citizen will not matter, as we enlist those of any sect and there are a number of men of Jewish Nationality in the Regiment," the General had written. William read and re-read the letter over and over again and dwelt on the firm signature of "Jerry Overlap" Adjutant. It was only a matter of 50 miles from Sherbrooke to St. Johns over the Canadian Pacific Line and in another hour he would arrive.

He was aroused from his reverie by the porter demanding his Railway Ticket and taking out his wallet, William handed over the Military Warrant received for his transportation to the place of his enlistment, to the conductor. The latter hastily punched it and handed back the return slip to him. "Another recruit" the Conductor said laughingly, "you are the second I have had to-day." "What time are we due in St. Johns?" William asked the Conductor:

"Three-Thirty" the Conductor replied, "that is, if we are not delayed in the Montreal Yards." Looking at his watch William saw that it was already 2.30 and decided to walk to the baggage car and get his suit case. Passing through the day coach, he espied two soldiers in uniform, whose brown jack boots and striped pantaloons, denoted the fact that they were of the Regiment he was about to join. As he passed them he noted that their caps bore the Crest of the Regiment, a Star in dark bronze, and on their shoulder straps they wore the Scroll R.C.R. One wore the rank badges on his collar of a Sergeant, while the other had the three stripes and crown of a Sergeant Major. Stopping at their seat, William noticed that they were both asleep, their overcoats open at the front showing the Scarlet tunic of the Cavalry. The Sergeant Major opened his eyes and, seeing our hero, enquired if there was anything he wanted. "I am on my way to St. Johns to join your Battalion," William replied, "perhaps you would be so kind as to give me a

few hints as to my procedure." "I shall be glad to accommodate you" the N.C.O. replied. Take a seat and make yourself at home." Taking a package of 25 British Consul cigarettes from his hip pocket, the Sergeant handed it to William, who taking a Cigar from it lit it and began to ply his listeners with questions. By the time the train had reached Lacolle, the last Station prior to St. Johns, the three had become engrossed in their talk and William had acquired a fund of useful information as to life at the Cavalry Barracks.

(To be Continued)

THE ARMY VETERINARY CORPS TO THE RESCUE AGAIN

The other day a coal company's horse at Iberville broke its pastern by catching its foot in the railway tracks. It is a wonder there are not more such accidents considering the way these horses are handled. The S.P.C.A. Inspector asked the R.C.D.'s to send over a farrier or veterinary sergeant at once. Sgt. Forgraves, R.C.D. As-

sistant to the V.O. went over at once and found a vet in the stable who said the horse's leg was not broken and that he had put on a plaster cast. Sgt. Forgraves was able to put his finger inside this so-called cast and found the large pastern bone broken, and so the horse was destroyed.

In our last issue we mentioned that Tpr. English was prepared to contradict the statement of an eminent scientist that the sun would shine for another 150 centuries.

We regret if we have pained him by reporting him wrong, as he has explained that what he meant was, they they might have been only a few days out in their reckoning.

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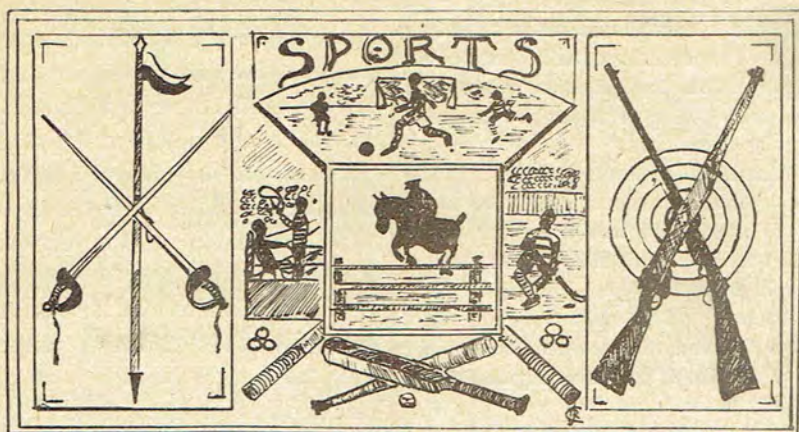
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Wychwood 3 —Stanley Barracks 0

In the first game of the group play-offs Wychwood defeated the Barracks team 3 to 0. The game was fast and strenuous from start to finish. The work of Hare in goal for the Barracks was the outstanding feature of the game and time after time he picked sure goals right off the sticks of the the Wychwoods forwards. Galloway on the forward line played a good game.

The first period started with a rush and both teams travelled up and down the ice only to have both goalies turn away their efforts. After 11 minutes of play Wychwoods bulged the net for their first counter from a scrimmage in front of the goal.

The second period was a repetition of the first with Wychwoods scoring on a shot that was shoulder high in the corner of the net.

The last period saw the Barracks playing their best hockey of the game, but their efforts went unrewarded as Holmesshaw in goal for the winners played the best game of his career. Time after time the Barracks team succeeded in evading the Wychwood defence only the goalie smothering their efforts. Wychwoods scored their third goal in this period on a hard shot from the defence which the Barracks goalie did not see until too late.

The Barracks played the same line-up that participated in the three games, Lampert the defence man still being ill.

Wychwood 3—Stanley Barracks 1

The Barracks team started their second game in the group play-off against Wychwoods with a handicap of a three goal lead against

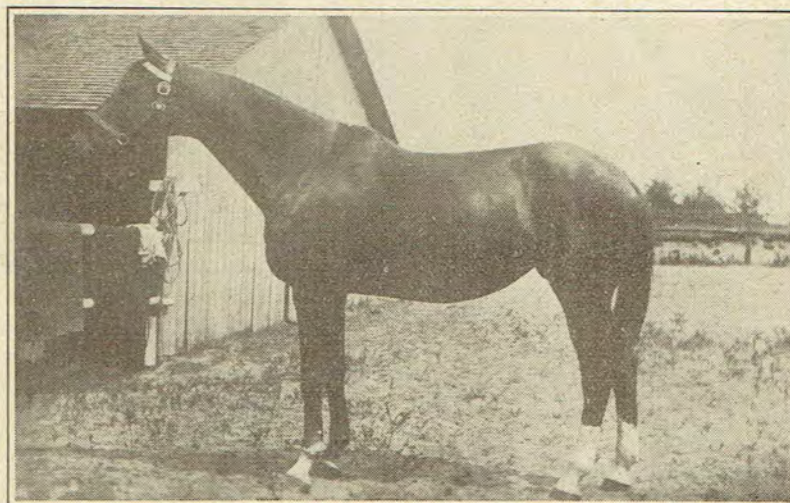
them. In spite of this fact they played an excellent brand of hockey and in fact put up one of their best games of the season. The first period produced no score.

In the second period Wychwoods managed to score three goals in less than that number of minutes. It was not a case of our team going to pieces as each goal was secured as a result of straight hard luck plays. The first goal being a rebound from the back boards which hit the back of Hare's leg and went into the net and the other two were the result of scrimmages immediately in front of the goal mouth.

The Barracks team appeared to have the advantage during the third period and Galloway saved a shut-out by scoring for us.

Lampert was back in the game again but still showed effects of his recent illness.

Thus after tying with Wychwoods for first place in the group we were defeated by them in the the play-offs by a total score of 6 to 1.



Major Timmis' thoroughbred, Demi Strome was 19 years old on the 5th of March. Far from showing her years, last week she gave a demonstration of her spirit by

R.C.D. 3—R.C.R. 2

Once again the Stanley Barracks Hockey Cup will be inscribed with the "R.C.D." In a very hotly contested game played at the Arena Gardens on Thursday, Feb. 23rd the R.C.D. took the measure of the R.C.R. by the score of 3 to 2 for the honour of holding the cup for the ensuing year. The game went 30 minutes overtime before the issue was finally decided and the whole of the 75 minutes play was filled with thrills, spills, bumps and more bumps, much to the amusement of the few hundred spectators assembled.

In the first period the R.C.R. drew first blood after about 7 minutes of play on an individual effort of Godon, but not to be denied the R.C.D. pressed hard and were rewarded with a counter from the stick of Calvert who shot from the blue line on a pass out from the corner.

The middle stanza saw both teams playing hard but neither side succeeded in scoring. This period featured some brilliant stops by both goalkeepers.

The last period saw both teams striving hard to obtain the odd counter that would mean game. The R.C.D. team finally scored on a pretty piece of passing between Nickle and Hutchings with the former making the shot that bulged the twine. The R.C.R.'s were not to be denied and eventually evened the score Capt. Home taking the rebound from a long shot off Capt. Drury's pads and pushing it into the net. At the expiration

of the regular time both teams were a little loathe to continue into overtime, as they were all in from the strenuous battle.

During the first twenty minutes of the overtime neither team succeeded in scoring and were beginning to show signs of tiring. After two minutes of play in the final overtime period Galloway succeeded in putting the R.C.D. team one up on a nice individual effort and for the final eight minutes of play the R.C.D. managed to play a safe and defensive game to hold the one goal lead.

The outstanding players for the R.C.D. were Capt. Drury in goal and Galloway while for the R.C.R. Capt. Home and Barker were shining lights.

The teams lined up as follows:

R.C.D.	Goal	R.C.R.
Capt. Drury		Sgt. Bert
	Defence	
Cpl. Nickle		Sgt. Barker
	Defence	
Cpl. Martin, J.E.		Sgt. Godon
	Centre	
Cpl. Galloway		Cpt. Home
	Wing	
Tpr. Hutchings		Cpl. Donaldson
	Wing	
Tpr. Calvert		Cpl. Connors
	Subs	
Tpr. Elley		Pte. Green
Tpr. Knights		
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Stanley Barracks 3—

Wolseley Barracks 0

On Saturday morning Feb. 25th the Stanley Barracks team journeyed to London, Ont., to play a friendly game against Wolseley Barracks. The game was played at 12.00 noon on the London Arena and resulted in a rather easy victory for Stanley Barracks.

Early in the first period Galloway and Home each scored and from then on all of our spares were given ample opportunities of getting into the game. There was no score in the second period and we added one more to our total in the third.

Wolseley Barracks have some very good material but unfortunately this year have had very little opportunity of playing hockey, and under the circumstances their effort was highly creditable.

After the game the members of our team were entertained at the various messes at Wolseley Barracks.

Capt. Home, R.C.R.; Capt. Druy, R.C.D.; Sergt. Barker, R.C.R. Sergt. Godon, R.C.R.; Sergt. Ins. Adams, R.C.R.; Corpl. Galloway, R.C.D.; Corpl. Donaldson, R.C.R.; Corpl. Connors, R.C.R.; Tpr. Calvert, R.C.D.; Tpr. Hutchings, R.C.D.

The Stanley Barracks Rooters Club was represented by C.S.M. Ward, R.C.R.; Q.M.S. Oliver, R.C.D.; Sergt. Instr. King, R.C.D.; and Corpl. Dean, R.C.R.

Camp Borden 2-Stanley Barracks 1

On Friday, March 2nd, the hockey team from Camp Borden, Ont., who play in the O.H.A. journeyed to Toronto to cross sticks with the Stanley Barracks team. The game was played at Varsity Arena and after a very few moments of play Captain Home netted the first and only goal for the Barracks. The score was evened up midway through the first period and from then on the game developed into a rather listless and unexciting series of rushes by first one team and then the other. About five minutes before the close of the game, Camp Borden netted their second goal which won the game for them. The Airman have a very formidable defence composed of Flying Officers "Dave" Harding and Van Vliet who made it extremely dif-

ficult for our forwards to work their way close to the nets. Although many hard bumps were exchanged the game was remarkably clean. It was handled by Lt. Lamport, C.M.G.C.

Stanley Barracks played their usual team whilst the Camp Borden team was composed of the following:—

Goal, O'Donnel; Defence, Flying Officers Harding and Van Vliet; Forwards, Power, St. Jean and McManus, Subs. Jamieson and Cook.

The winner of the Troop hockey League is still undecided and although our rink is a thing of the past it is hoped to finish the Troop League by utilizing some of the spare practice periods which we have to our credit at the Varsity Arena.

There is a possibility that the team from Wolseley Barracks, London, may pay a visit to Toronto to play us a return game.

FOOTBALL

St. Johns

Football

Now that the feeling of spring is in the air, thoughts of young and old turn to football and so a meeting of those interested (practically the whole garrison) was held in the men's mess room on Tues. Feb. 28, for the purpose of appointing a committee. Delegates were also appointed to represent the Garrison at the general meeting of the St. Johns and District Football League to be held on Monday evening, March 5th in the Windsor Hotel.

The following officials will represent the Garrison during the coming season:—

President: Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O.

Manager: Sgt. W. Campbell.

Captain: Tpr. V. Dawkes, D.C.M.

Vice-Capt.: Cpl. McLean, R.C.R.

Trainer: S/Sgt. Reid, R.C.A.M.C.

Sec'y-Treas.: Sgt. Coulter.

As soon as the ground is in shape an Inter-Troop Football League will be started. There is some promising material for the Garrison team among the younger members (this is where "Cully" and Mundell will shine) and it is hoped that sufficient material will be found to give some of the "old timers" a much needed rest.

On February 28th the Barracks Hockey Team met the St. Johns College and were roundly defeated by the score 5-2. Owing to the sunlight, it was decided that four periods of 15 minutes would be played. After



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about five minutes' play the school boys scored their first goal but L/Cpl. Martin in a nice piece of work came back and tied the score practically from the face off. Shortly before the end of the first period the boys bulged our net again.

The second period was an exhibition of good fast hockey and much credit is due our men for their splendid efforts to score by the combination route. During this period there was no score.

Third period our men appeared to tire, and as we had only two subs there was not much chance to relieve them, while the college had two full teams to choose from.

The college scored two more goals and with a few minutes to go, Brennan scored our second.

Our men played hard during the last period but could not prevent their opponents from scoring another goal. Final score 5-2.

There has been a great deal of interest in the Garrison Hockey League games this winter. While the 3rd Troop were practically conceded the winners from the start, that did not prevent the various teams from going out and doing their best. The result of the last game between the 2nd Troop (then at the bottom of the league) and the 3rd Troop, (at the top) was a surprise to everybody. As it now stands, 2nd Troop having drawn with 3rd, are tied with the R.C.R.'s for second place.

R.C.R.'s. 5—2nd Troop 2

On the evening of February 28th the 2nd Troop went out on the ice with six men to battle the R.C.R.'s for second place in the Garrison Hockey League and a very creditable showing they made against a much stronger line up. The game was a fast and clean one all the way through and the fine sportsmanship displayed by both teams was worthy of the reputation of the units taking part. The game finished with the score 5-2, Berkins and Bold scoring for 2nd Troop.

The 1st troop were supposed to play the 3rd Troop in the last of the schedule, but owing to the condition of the ice they have forfeited this game, which makes the standing of League as follows:—

	W	L	D	F	A	P
3rd Troop	5	0	1	24	1	11
The R.C.R.	4	2		16	9	8
2nd Troop	1	4	1	12	29	3
1st Troop	1	5		12	21	2

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The Cribbage Team from Station Sergeants Mess, Stanley Barracks, were again successful in winning the Cup this year, in the Garrison Sergeants Association Cribbage League.

The Cup, which was donated by the Dominion Brewery; was presented to Sergeant Buell, Captain of the team, by Brig-Gen. A. H. Bell, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commandant Military District No. 2, at the Garrison Sergeants Smoking Concert, held in the College Street Armouries on Saturday evening, February 25th. Miniatures of the cup were presented at the same time to the following members of the team:—

R.S.M. G. D. Churchward, M.M. R.C.D.
S.M. F. Ackerman, R.C.D.
S.M.I. T. A. Aisthorpe, D.C.M., M.M., R.C.D.

Q.M.S.T. J. Travers, R.C.D.
Q.M.S.I. H. E. Karcher, M.M. R.C.D.

S/Sergt. F. Sturgess, R.C.D.
S.M.I. E. Hubbard, R.C.D.
Sergt. T. Clarkson, R.C.D.
C.Q.M.S. W. J. Rowbotham, R.C.R.

Sergt. S. Herring, R.C.R.
Sergt. J. H. Robertson, R.C.R.
Sergt. F. Kent, R.C.A.M.C.

This makes the fourth consecutive year that the championship has been won by the team from Stanley Barracks, but was only won this year after a hard struggle, a tie with the Toronto Regiment team having been played on Tuesday the 21st resulting in a win by Stanley Barracks by the close score of 19 to 17 games. On the same evening billiard matches were ant's Mess from the Toronto Regiment, after which supper was served and an enjoyable evening was spent by all members of both messes.

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Final Standing

Team	P	W	L	D	Pts
Stanley Barracks	13	7	3	3	17
Toronto Regiment	13	6	4	3	15
Toronto Scottish	12	5	4	3	13
Headqtrs. M.D. No. 2	12	5	5	2	12
48th Highlanders	12	5	5	2	12
Royal Grenadiers	12	4	7	1	9
Queen's Rangers	12	2	6	4	8

STANLEY BARRACKS BOXING TOURNAMENT

A Boxing Tournament was held on Wednesday February 22nd, in the Gymnasium. Entries were so numerous that it was necessary to commence to programme in the afternoon.

The best bout in the afternoon was between Pte. Barker, 153 lbs and Pte. Parsons, 150 lbs both of the R.C.R. Although badly pu-

nished Parsons put up a game fight which won him much applause. The bout ended in the 3rd round when Barker floored Parsons and the latter was unable to rise. Though beaten Parsons put a game fight.

Other afternoon results were as follows:—

146 lbs class—Tpr. Ward, R.C.D. defeated Pte. Barrow, R.C.R. (Knockout) Boy Anthony, R.C.D. defeated Pte. Green, R.C.R.

Pte. Grannigan, R.C.R. defeated Tpr. H. Munro, R.C.D.

Tpr. Barker, R.C.D. defeated Tpr. Cunningham, R.C.D.

160 lb Class—Pte. Scuthorpe R.C.R. defeated Pte. Thatcher, R.C.R. Pte. Barker, R.C.R. defeated Pte. Parsons, R.C.R. (Knockout.)

The officials for the afternoon session were:—Lt. Col. D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., R.C.D.; Referee, Maj. E. L. Caldwell, R.C.D., and Lt. W. E. Gillespie, R.C.D. Judges: C.S.M. A. S. Ward, R.C.R., Timekeeper.

In the evening many good bouts were witnessed.

146 lb class—Boy Anthony, R.C.D., defeated Pte. Brannigan, R.C.R.

135 lb Class—Pte. Bell, R.C.R. defeated Pte. Chapple, R.C.R.

146 lb Class—Tpr. Barker R.C.D. defeated Pte. Platten, R.C.R. (extra round)

160 lb Class—Pte. Fisher, R.C.R. defeated Pte. Sculthorpe, R.C.R. (Knockout.)

145 lb Class—Tpr. Ward, R.C.D., defeated Tpr. Barker, R.C.D. (Knockout.)

Finals

145 lb Class—Boy Anthony R.C.D. vs. Tpr. Ward, R.C.D. This was the largest class on the card and by the time the finals were reached each man was fighting his 3rd fight of the day. The result was rather disappointing, as Anthony was all in and after the first round Ward was declared the winner by a technical knockout.

160 lb Class—Pte. Fisher, R.C.R. defeated Pte. Hine, R.C.R. by a technical knockout in the first round.

135 lb Class—Tpr. Knights, R.C.D. reached the finals by drawing a bye and was easily defeated by Pte. Bell, R.C.R.

175 lb Class—This event only

brought out two entries. Tpr. G. Morgan, R.C.D. versus Pte. Donaldson, R.C.R. Morgan earned a number of points in the first round and was by far the better boxer. In the second round he had matters very much his own way Donaldson covering and clinching at every opportunity. Morgan won in the third round when Donaldson threw in the sponge. It was a good bout but Donaldson was not good enough for Morgan.

Heavyweight—There were only two entries in this class L/Cpl. Talbot, R.C.R. and Pte. Rankin, R.C.D. Talbot was by far the better boxer and won the fight by a knockout in the first round.

The officials for the evening were:—

Referee—Lt. Col. D. B. Bowie, R.S.O., R.C.D.

Judges—Major R. M. Luton, M.C., R.C.A.M.C.

Capt. W. S. Fenton, R.C.R.

Timekeeper—C.S.M. A. S. Ward R.C.R.

At the close of the evening Col. Bowie called for three cheers for the competitors and said a few words suggesting further interest in boxing at this station. In view of the fact that very little training was done by any of the entrants it must be admitted that they put up a very good showing. The prizes were presented by Col. Bowie who congratulated each winner and (we believe) gave advice to some of the losers re the style of their hair-cut. In addition to the winners of the var-

ious classes prizes were awarded to Boy Anthony the runner up in the large 145 lb class and to Pte. Parson, R.C.R. who was declared the gamest loser of the day.

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RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
By Advertising	\$1641.35	To Printing	\$1975.37
By Subscriptions	430.60	To Miscellaneous	87.49
	<u>\$2071.95</u>		<u>\$2062.86</u>
Total Receipts			\$2071.95
Total Expenditures			<u>2062.86</u>
Credit Balance			\$9.09
ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Balance in Bank	\$ 9.09	E. R. Smith, Feb. issue	\$139.28
Cash on hand	.12	Smeaton Bros.	10.50
Adv. accts. receivable (good)	245.90		<u>149.78</u>
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Letter to the Editor.

Dear Sir:—

British achievements in 1927 will be of interest to your readers. Below are enumerated some of them.

Major Segrave on a Sunbeam car, fastest speed on land, 203.79 miles an hour.

Mr. Denly on a Norton Motorcycle covered 100.57 miles in one hour.

Fl.-Lieut. Webster in a Supermarine Napier seaplane covered 217 miles at a speed of 281.49 miles per hour and won the Schneider Trophy.

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These are all world records. The following achievements will also be of interest.

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A recent notice in the paper reads: The 8.15 p.m. train from Newcastle to York worked by a Pacific engine "Galopin" left Darlington on time and arrived at York three minutes early, having accomplished the 44 miles in 40 minutes, including starting and stopping, at an average speed of 66 miles an hour. This is the second time this train driven by the same driver has made this time in a week.

Another achievement of interest is the running of the underground railways in London, where trains pass through nearly all the hundreds of stations at the rate of nearly one a minute. The record is held at the Charing Cross Underground station, which handles 2744 trains a day and over 90,000 passengers.

Then there is the new speed motor record of Captain Campbell of reaching 226 miles an hour and of covering a mile at an average speed of 208 miles per hour.

Yours etc.,

R.S.T.

TRAINING OF THE NON-PERMANENT ACTIVE MILITIA IN ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Whilst the standard of efficiency of the Non-Permanent Active Militia as a whole is no doubt far from what one would like to see it, yet it must be considered reasonably high if due consideration is given to the limited time devoted to the work.

All must realize that under the circumstances more time cannot be spared from civilian interests and that in many cases the time that is given, is at great expense to business, professional or other work, and it would be unreasonable, in the majority of cases, to ask for more from the comparatively few who are already interested and active in militia matters.

Briefly summarized, time is a vital factor, so the next step is to survey the situation to see if more can be done in the time available, or if a readjustment is desirable, so as to make it possible to raise the standard in some respects without lowering it in others.

In the training and functioning of a unit in peace time the work is made up of—Organization, administration, Drill and Battle Training all being most closely interwoven. Efficiency in the last is, however the great object and the one which the other three lead up to and without sound training and experience in these it is impossible to have efficiency in Battle Training.

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In the Non-Permanent Active Militia today there is not nearly sufficient opportunity, in time available, to enable Officers and Other Ranks to become efficient in Organization and Administration through experience in these matters and therefore what experience is gained should be prefixed and supplemented by instruction. To date such instruction has not been carried out in a fair proportion to the instruction in Drill and whilst it is realized that a great deal of instruction in these subjects is unnecessary for the majority of Other Ranks, yet all Officers, Warrant Officers and senior N.C.O.'s should be carefully schooled in both these subjects.

The first suggestion to remedy this condition is to ensure that all Officers, Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s of the Permanent Force who are concerned with instruction of the non-Permanent Active Militia are carefully instructed, so as to enable them to be in a position to teach or advise in these matters as far as they effect the Non-Permanent units.

At a recent annual inspection of a Machine Gun Company when the junior Officers and N.C.O.'s were asked regarding the organization of their Unit they replied that they were No. 2 Group of Headquarters Wing. Such an answer at first sight gives the impression as being most ridiculous, yet when one looks up the text book on Machine Gun Training and turns to the section dealing with Organization it will be seen that it was written for Machine Guns as organized in the Imperial Army and does not include anything on the organization of the Machine Gun units as they exist in Canada.

In another case an Officer of the Permanent Force when conducting a Provisional School at a Unit's headquarters was asked for advice regarding some administrative matters, he replied that he did not know, as such subjects did not come within his sphere.

Again, there is another indication that this matter has not received due consideration, as there is no provision for an issue of such books as—"Regulations and Instructions for Equipment of the Canadian Militia," "Regulations and Instructions for the Clothing of the Non-Permanent Active Militia," "Scales of Issue of Barrack Equipment" to Officers of the Permanent Force who are directly concerned with instruction of the N.P.A.M. or to the Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s of the Instructional Cadre, and it is evident that without such books amended and kept up to date these Officers and Other Ranks cannot be expected to instruct or advise in such matters.

In the Staff Tours and other exercises held within Districts a certain amount of time has sometimes been given to Administrative problems, but as a rule it has been from a Staff Officer's point of view and not from

from the point of view of a Regimental Officer.

Upon looking back to the difficulties experienced by the Canadians during the Great War it must be recalled that it was the necessity of organization and learning to administer within the Regiments, Brigades and Battalions that took up the time more than drill and training for war.

May not a careful review of the situation and some readjustment in our training syllabi put us in a better condition to face an emergency, especially should it come unexpectedly?

Light Horses Still an Army Necessity.

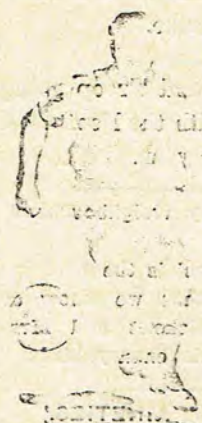
From the Live Stock Journal, London

Lord Middleton (who was re-elected President) presided at the annual meeting of the Cleveland Bay Horse Society at Whitby on Saturday. Speaking of the future of the breed, he said that hitherto the Army had been a useful outlet for horses that were not of the top class, and horse-breeders had been concerned at the increasing mechanisation of this fighting service. He had recently listened to a lecture on this subject by the officer commanding the mechanised forces on Salisbury Plain, from which two considerations emerged: (1) The rate of mechanisation is restricted very much by finance; and (2) the horse, though eliminated, has not been replaced. The only force with which the mechanised army could co-operate effectively was cavalry hence it was evident that horses would not be dispensed with altogether. From the opinions presented to the National Horse Association of Great Britain, it was evident that horse drawn vehicles for short delivery work were much more economical than mechanically driven vehicles.

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Whether we are going to Petawawa this year.

What happened to Demi-strome's birthday cake.

When is Second Troop going to be presented with the Football Cup they won last year.

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